



*The Conversation by Gillian Morris*

## Catching Up

Panama Hat: "Did you know that our old shipmate Bunny Frobisher died?"

White Hair: "Covid I suppose..."

Panama Hat: "Oh no...He was in bed with his new girlfriend...Went down with all guns firing so to speak."

White Hair: "Not a bad way to go....He was ninety this year same as me."

Panama Hat: "I assume you've heard about another comrade from our Navy days, Tom Gillespie."

White Hair: "No, what happened to him?"

Panama Hat: "Well he's passed on as well."

White Hair: "This blasted Covid virus..."

Panama Hat: "Wrong again old chap. He was driving his Aston Martin too fast as usual in the South of France. Missed his line on a hairpin bend on The Corniche and ended up being buried at sea with the car as his coffin."

White Hair: "Crikey...Though that was also a very fitting end for old Tom."

Panama Hat: "You must surely have heard about our old Captain, Bill Prosser."

White Hair: "Good Lord, is he dead as well? Was that Covid?"

Panama Hat: "Another miss old boy....Just like when you did gunnery practice..... You know what a toper Bill was. He was having a drinking contest in his local. After his tenth Gin and It he just keeled over and died with a smile on his face."

White Hair: "Well it's time I told you something you cheeky old blighter...I'm sure you won't have heard about Nobby Wilson."

Panama Hat: "Nobby!...I thought he'd died years ago. Are you going to tell me he's a Covid casualty?"

White Hair: "No. Your turn to jump the gun. He did have the virus but you know what a tough beggar he is. He managed to shake it off and he's still very spry."

Panama Hat: "So what's your big news about him?"

White Hair: "He has to get married."

Panama Hat: "What do you mean has to...?"

White Hair: "He's been seeing a woman half his age and he's got her in the family way. Nobby is old school and feels honour bound to do the right thing. I'm going to be his best man."